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SOURCE:

1. The Main Administration of Transport Machinery of the Ministry of Transport and Farming Machinery was the cover designation for the planned Main Administration (NV) for Aircraft Production which was located in the former IFO building at 35/36 Koethenerstrasse in Dessau. Source believed that a distinction made in his section between old and new production was also made at other departments.
2. The four plants still engaged in the old production, which was supposed to come to an end by late 1953, were the Gasgeraetewerk (Junkers), the Junkers Plant for Gas Equipment at Dessau, the Machine and Apparatus Plant at Schkeuditz, the IFA Motor Plant at Chemnitz, and the Optima Plant at Leipzig. These plants were then to start producing aircraft parts, frames and engines. The modifications required, as well as the screening of personnel and financial preparations, had already been completed. Plants already engaged in aircraft production included the Pirna Materialamt, the Dessau Aufbauleitung (reconstruction office), RAW in Dessau, VEB Audi in Zwickau and Laemmerle in Halle. Plants to be engaged in auxiliary production included the Sebnitz Drop Forge, Leipzig Metallguss, the IKA Plants in Suhl and Sondershausen, the Zwickau Horch Plant, the Heidenau Die Casting Plant, the Sebnitz Drop Forge and one plant in Quedlinburg.
3. Meister (fnu) was chief of the NV. His deputies were Friedrich Tops for the old production, Reichel (?) (fnu) for the new production and Hornow (fnu) for administrative problems. Kuchnel (fnu) was commercial chief, Sausner (fnu) (?) was chief of the Planning Section and Tretbar (fnu) was responsible for the "new planning". While source [redacted] [redacted] chief and three assistants for the new production.
4. The two former administration buildings on Koethenerstrasse were completely reconstructed. The administration building on the Kleinkuehnauer-Allee road was still under construction. The area of the former Junkers Plant was still being cleared, and parts for the planned workshop were stored there with other construction material. Bauunion Leipzig and Bauunion Bitterfeld were in charge of this construction work. Basic material, including about 1 million sketches, had already been given to the producing plants and the auxiliary plants engaged in the construction of jigs and fixtures, dies, stencils, etc.

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5. Discontinuation of these activities was first planned for 11 June 1953. Following the events on 17 June, the date was postponed to 24 June, as it was feared that, as a result of the riots, not all of the dispatched sketches might be returned, and that the personnel of some plants might try to get hold of the material. All sketches and records were collected and submitted, however, to Pirna where they were allegedly returned to the Soviets. Source [redacted]

[redacted] Source stated that KVP units had moved into the two buildings on Koethenerstrasse. While winding up the HV, [redacted] including source, that they would meet again at Dessau in about one year, no matter where the individual members would be at that time. Repeated rumors spread by personnel of the [redacted] that the activities at Dessau would be resumed on 1 January 1954.

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